1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2005-06	189298	15108.7	36767.8	3586743	5.3%	0.4%	1.0%
2006-07	227952	18225.7	41990	4129174	5.5%	0.4%	1.0%
2007-08 RE	287826	26612.5	46341.2	4723400	6.1%	0.6%	1.0%
2008-09 BE	344184	33840.5	53437.3	5321753	6.5%	0.6%	1.0%

Source: Indian Public Finance Statistics 2008-09.

Appointment of disabled persons as chairpersons

*215. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE:

SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal/suggestions have been received to the effect that only disabled persons be appointed as chairperson or on the positions of importance in Commission for the disabled and various Government institutions for the welfare of the disabled;

(b) if so, whether Government are formulating any plan for this important matter; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) No Commission for Persons with Disabilities exists at present. A suggestion has been received *inter alia* for setting up of a National Commission for Welfare of Physically Challenged and appointment of an active renowned physically challenged person as Chairman of the National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC).

(b) and (c) The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, already envisages appointment of a Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities to *inter alia* safeguard the rights of persons with disabilities. Act also lays down eligibility criteria for appointment to this office.

Appointments to posts are made keeping in view the prescribed eligibility criteria and in accordance with the prescribed procedure.

Nuclear reactors from USA

*216. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to purchase Nuclear Reactor from USA during the coming years; and

(b) if so, the numbers of reactors that have been imported and the likely cost of the reactors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Setting up of Light Water Reactors based on co operation with US is planned.

(b) A pair of reactors is planned in the first instance. This will be followed up with additional reactors at the same site after the work on first two reactors tapers off. No reactors have been imported as yet and details including costs, are yet to be worked out.

Representation for flood moderation and river training

*217. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Assam has made any representation for flood moderation and river training in Brahmaputra and Barak valleys;

(b) if so, the details of outlays, allocation and achievements made so far; and

(c) the future plan of Government to combat erosion and flood level in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) The State Government of Assam has submitted the schemes for Flood Moderation and river training works in Brahmaputra and Barak valleys for inclusion under the Flood Management Programme (FMP) under which Central Assistance is provided as grant to the State Governments during Eleventh Plan for undertaking Flood Management Works. 82 numbers of eligible schemes of Assam with a total estimated cost of Rs. 708.59 crore have been included under the programme. Till November, 2009, an amount of Rs. 223.829 crore has been released to State Government of Assam under FMP towards approved schemes. As informed by State Government of Assam, above mentioned 82 schemes are under progress and are targeted to benefit an area of 557 thousand Hectare.

(c) Brahmaputra Board has been constituted under an Act of Parliament in January, 1982 under Ministry of Water Resources for planning and integrated implementation of measures for the control of floods and bank erosion in Brahmaputra Valley and for matters connected therewith. With a view to chalk out the future plan to tackle the problem of floods and erosion in Assam, Brahmaputra Board has prepared a Concept Note on future course of action for Bank Stabilization of river Brahmaputra in consultation with expert organizations/institutions including IIT Roorkee and IIT Guwahati. The modalities are being worked out for carrying out mathematical model studies in collaboration with IIT Guwahati.

Telecom spectrum licence scam

*218. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state: